

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)**

**April 29, 2010**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Convention Complex**

CJCC Members Present: Bill McCarthy, Tom Hockensmith, Judge Gamble, Valorie Wilson, Sally Kreamer, Angela Connolly

CJCC Members Absent: John Sarcone

Others present: Sue Elliott, Jan Sears, Curtis Pion, Dillon Kraft, Candy Morgan, Ron Olson, Lynn Ferrell, Nancy Robinson, Major Donna Brooks, E.J. Giovannetti, Rox Laird, Jeff Riese, Anne Sheeley.

I. Approval of the March 25, 2010 minutes

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Hockensmith to approve the minutes as presented.

II. Jail Diversion Task Force Grant – Lynn Ferrell

Lynn gave an update on the County submitting a request to Senators and Congressmen for \$200,000 over two years to fund two additional community support positions in the jail diversion area. This will allow them to serve an additional forty people per year. The first year they started, they were involved in 430 bookings and could serve many more with the additional personnel. This saved approximately 1,700 jail days. A similar request has been submitted to the Bureau of Justice. This earmark is a two year process, the Bureau of Justice awards are made in the fall. All requests are pending at this point.

III. I-Leads Committee Update – Jan Sears (HANDOUT)

Jan gave an update on jail operations and statistical analysis initiatives (see handout). Supervisor Hockensmith asked about citation release numbers. The Sergeant in booking makes the decision on whether to release or not, based on a list of criteria that must be met. These requirements are set by State Code. The average daily population is lower than where we will be this summer. The Sheriff talked about a coordinator position to help manage the numbers and how they will get to a point in the future where they will need an independent person to handle that. We need someone to look at all areas from the perspective of the CJCC. There is currently a Detention Officer that reviews statistics to try and make sure things are moving smoothly, i.e. checking case files, looks for data entry errors, etc. We need to look at an independent person who transcends all areas and concerns. Supervisor Connolly asked at what point should we invite other interests to the CJCC? Sheriff McCarthy stated that the I-Leads Committee is still working on population statistics and will also have more historical information in about six months. We aren't quite there yet but should get to that point soon.

IV. Residential Criteria for Ft. DSM Men's and Women's Facility (HANDOUTS)

Ty Castle, Residential Supervisor and Peggy Urtz, Residential Manager presented a brochure that outlines the program/criteria at Ft. DSM. It was developed to meet the needs of offenders and those who are able

to progress in the program. Persons on social security disability automatically lose those benefits when placed in Ft. DSM. Persons with severe mental illnesses do not have access to medications at the Fort and they try and divert them to another facility. The issue at hand is that the Code states it is corrections responsibility but there is no money available. Probation also receives no funding. Work release or parole receives meds for their three programs: 72 day program, substance abuse and a 30 day program and try to meet the needs of the offenders. Valorie asked if it is up to Ft. DSM as to which program they enter. Sally said yes, Ft. DSM conducts a risk assessment to determine appropriate placement. The judges have agreed to that. She also asked if initial assessments are being done. Sally said they are. How do the defense attorneys know this is being done? There is a schedule that can be checked. The women's criteria to enter the facility are similar to the men's. They are housed in the same building. Those with mental health or physical issues can't function in the facility. Sally said they are trying to formalize Lead Officers (Probation Officers 3) to be able to find alternative places in the community. Judge Gamble stated that ultimately the court retains jurisdiction. Ft. DSM is almost full, the women's is over capacity, the daily reporting count is 220-230 total.

Sheriff McCarthy asked if there is some legislation about the judges being able to extend probations. Sally said that came from persons concerned about the voluntary extending of probation and a ruling that stated this is not legal. Judge Gamble said the consequence of the ruling is to lengthen probation (i.e. 5 years) so they don't come back. Judge said the courts advise that probation could be extended, usually due to financial reasons.

Judge Gamble asked Lynn Ferrell about juvenile mental health and hospitals refusing to take juveniles due to uninsured and not qualifying for Medicaid. There is no placement then and what can we do? Lynn stated the law says DHS will take care of kids, the county will take care of adults, but there are no appropriations/funding available. There is a big gap in the system for kids, no one can find beds. Broadlawns provides for adults. The issues are the criteria for court order commitment which is not the same as the medical criteria. That's the gap. Juveniles can go to a unit at Lutheran or Mercy Franklin. The bottom line is money.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2010, at HyVee Hall, Room 5.